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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR DECISION

REF: STATE 92903

1. ALL NEWSPAPERS CARRIED INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICE
REPORTS OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION OVER WEEKEND, BUT AS YET
NO EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS APPEARED.

2. MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY NEGOTIATOR NOH CHIN
SHIK HEAVED AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF WHEN EMBOFF PRESENTED
CONTENTS REFTEL AND FACT SHEET. HE REMARKED THAT PRESIDENT'S
ACTION WAS "GREAT NEWS" AND CERTAINLY WAS NO "EASY" ONE FOR
HIM TO MAKE.

3. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. D.U. SOHN,
EXPORT DIRECTOR FOR CHIN YANG CHEMICAL CO., SPEAKING ON BEHALF
OF NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTERS TO EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE OVER
THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: TIMING OF THE ACTION IS EXTREMELY
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PROPTIOUS IN EASING ROKG FEARS OF US PROTECTIONISM ON

THE EVE OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S VISIT PARTICULARLY
BECAUSE EXPECTATIONS SINCE LATE 1975 STR TEAM VISIT WERE
THAT SOME SORT OF RESTRICTION WOULD BE IMPOSED. WE
SUSPECT THAT THE WARMTH OF THE ROKG RECEPTION OF THE
SECRETARY WILL BE THAT MUCH WARMER BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT'S
ACTION. IF THE SAME ACCOMMODATION CAN BE MADE ON
SPECIALTY STEELS, THE CORPSE OF "GROWING US PROTECTIONISM"
CAN BE LAID TO REST.
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